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Commission Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2002
West Modesto Community Center
401 E Paradise
Modesto, Ca.

Members Present: Nathaniel Green, Chair, Sallie Perez, Vice Chair, Bea Acosta, John Walker, M.D., Kathy Kohrman, Pat Paul, Dan Souza, and Martin Petersen.

Staff Present: Noe Paramo, Executive Director, Dan Rosas, Staff Services Coordinator, Brenda Priest-O'Brien, Accountant, and Jack Doering, Counsel.

- I. Meeting called to order by Chair Green who acknowledged Martin Petersen as the newest member of the Commission.
- II. Public Comment
Reagan Wilson, Stanislaus County C.E.O., addressed the commission regarding a funding request from the Board of Supervisors. Wilson provided commissioners with a letter detailing the county's position and asked that the issue be discussed at the June meeting as an agenda item.

George Skol with the Children's Crisis Center expressed concern about income guidelines regarding Request for Proposals for early child care administered through the Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE). The concern is that there is no provision for abused or neglected children with families that don't qualify for the program. Dennis Sigona with SCOE and Judi Drobnick with Modesto City Schools outlined the eligibility and income requirements and how they were established adding that the RFP was passed by the Commission to target the working poor. Commissioners asked that the issue be brought to staff, counsel and the Administrative committee for review.

Debbie Parr Noblitt with the CARES Project thanked the Commission for funding their stipend program to help retain childcare providers. She introduced more than a dozen recipients who collectively thanked commissioners for their recognition and commitment to help children in Stanislaus County.

Dorali Mitre with United Way of Stanislaus County updated the Commission on Prop. 10 grant program extensions and grant awards that have been declined.

III. Consent Calendar

IV. Agenda Items

A. * Approved Minutes from April 23, 2002

B. * Approved Correspondence.

Commissioner Paul moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kohrman and unanimously approved by the Commission.

C. Brenda Priest-O'Brien outlined budget projections for fiscal year 2002-2003. Some commissioners expressed confusion over the budget and asked that revisions be included in another budget report to the Commission. No action to approve the budget was taken.

V. Program/Project Updates

Debbie Parr Noblitt with the CARES program told commissioners that applicants will receive professional growth training including how to perform work site evaluations.

Staff Services Coordinator Dan Rosas briefed commissioners on the School Readiness Initiative and that a letter of intent application had been sent to California Children and Families Commission. The matching fund program would target low performing schools in Stanislaus County.

Dennis Sigona with SCOE and Judy Drobnick with Modesto City Schools provided Commissioners updates on the Master Contract including Healthy Start funding, the Alternative Voucher program and the childcare RFP workshops held recently in the county.

VI. Commission Reports/Announcements

Commissioner Walker asked that commission meetings include presentations or updates from Prop. 10 grant recipients. Commissioner Walker also requested that the Commission address the issue of asthma in future meetings and that sustainability training for Prop. 10 grantees be provided in the future. He also asked that the Commission follow through on commitments made at last month's retreat.

Chair Green issued an apology to Reagan Wilson regarding the county's request for funding adding that he hoped to resolve the issue. Executive Director Paramo told commissioners he wanted to address the request and also issued an apology to Wilson and the Board of Supervisors.

VII. Staff Reports

Executive Director Paramo gave a brief update on the search to fill the Commission seat for District 3. The Board of Supervisors is also soliciting applicants to fill the community position. Paramo also announced the awards for the CBO program for the Sacramento region.

VIII. Chair Green adjourned the Commission meeting at 7:45 p.m.

